(c) whether Government have made adequate provision for payment of compensation for killed person and damage caused to crop per acre/hectare by wild elephants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (d) Because of degradation of Elephants' habitat, destruction of its migration corridors and encroachment of habitations into forests, there are occurrences of man-elephant conflict leading of destruction of crops or damage to abodes or sometimes killing of human being. The Chief Wildlife Wardens of the States take appropriate action to contain the situations wherever they arise and also to give compensation to the victims of elephant depredation. There is no centralised mechanism for collecting information on the incidents of such depredations or on payment of compensation made by State Governments within their discretion. However, under the Project Elephant State Government are extended financial support in payment of compensation to the victims of Elephant depredations.

Project Elephant in the country

1029. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to launch 'Project Elephant' in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of the states where this project is likely to be launched and expenditure to be incurred on the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) The 'Project Elephant' has already been launched from the year 1991-92. An amount of Rs. 6.25 crores has been allocated for the Eighth Five Year Plan. During the last two years, following states were provided Central Assistance under the Scheme.

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Bihar
5. Karnataka
6. Kerala
7. Meghalaya
8. Orissa
9. Tamil Nadu
10. Uttar Pradesh
11. West Bengal

Pollutions of Rivers in the country

1030. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have carried out a survey of the rivers of the country which are polluted;

(b) if so, the names of the rivers at present under cleaning operation and progress made in case of each rivers; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have chalked out a plan to take up other rivers for cleaning operations; if so, the details thereof together with the targets fixed and expenditure involved in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Central Pollution Control Board has carried out survey of rivers of the country. On the basis of these surveys, 13